

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 10:20 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	103.8.232.213
Unique ID:	779350158
Location:	

Your details

Name	Taimus Ritai
Address	15 Richmond st Waitara Waitara, Taranaki 4320
Email	taimusm.ritai@gmail.com
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 10:01 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
IP Address:	182.48.156.120
Unique ID:	779342027
Location:	

Your details

Name	Murray Phillips
Address	21 County Drive -- Hawera, NZ 4610
Email	cobra@inspire.net.nz
Phone	+64274446238

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

1. Having automatic representation is against everything New Zealand has stood for. This is a thin wedge towards destruction of democracy. Equality is paramount. What an insult to the current Regional Council Chairman to suggest the type of change.

2. There is no precise definition to establish when a person is Maori. This allows misrepresentation on the Maori Electoral Roll.

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 9:26 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 12.1.2 / iOS
IP Address: 125.238.143.133
Unique ID: 779325025
Location:

Your details

Name	Gail Simpson
Address	46a Gaine Street 46a Gaine Street Lynmouth, New Plymouth
Email	simpsons1@xtra.co.nz
Phone	0279390091
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

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Comments:

Tena Koutou

Ko Taranaki toku maunga

No Te Atiawa me Gilbert ahau

Ko Tokomaru me William Bryan toku waka

Ko Gail taku ingoa

I support the implementation of a Maori Constituency in the Taranaki Regional Council and here are my reasons why.

I am a member of the once silent majority in Taranaki who believe in a Maori Constituency on the Regional council because it is the right thing to do, to give Tangata whenua a full voice at the table as required by the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. I am a member of Te Rongamou Community Action Group who are educating and advocating for Maori Wards or Constituency for all of Taranaki. The principles of the treaty referred as to the three p's are partnership, participation and protection. These underpin the relationship between local government and Maori.

Partnership involves working together with Iwi, Hapu, Whānau to develop strategies for the good of all our region. Partnership relies on us welcoming and having genuine relationships with Maori across our region to allow Taranaki to go forward and flourish together.

I am a retired teacher of 36 years in various primary schools around New Zealand.

My ancestors arrived at Ngamotu Beach in New Plymouth. On one side were Te Atiawa in the Tokomaru canoe and on the other were the Gilbert's from England on the William Bryan. My Whānau on my Dad's side have had close ties with Te Atiawa in Taranaki when his brother Sir Paul Reeves was an Anglican minister in Okato.

In Taranaki, history has been closely interwoven among Maori and their Treaty Partners. We do need to acknowledge the past to move onto the future. A Maori Constituency would create democratic governance creating a genuine community representation and therefore promoting democracy. Maori would have a full mandate with decisions being made by Maori for Maori in conjunction with overall council direction. Remember it is only one voice amongst eleven however a very important voice for Maori. The Taranaki Regional Council has established 3 Iwi positions on The Policy and Planning Committee as well as The Consents and Regulatory Committee which they say is mandated by the Te Tiriti which does give them a vote on their committees but not a vote on the full regional council. In finishing up I totally agree with my late Uncle's vision back in 2010 " that the way to deal with inequality is to provide representation. That the emphasis on one person one vote must be balanced by a guarantee of adequate representation. He was talking about decision-making in Taranaki and the delivery of health, education, employment opportunities and housing sectors where Maori then were not doing well. I quote from one of his speeches " Of course there is a future for Taranaki. It's a place where history can be acknowledged and aspiration honoured. It won't happen easily and it won't happen overnight, but a combination of facts and shared values (the common ground) can see us through. We are called the energy

province but our basic resource is not oil and gas, or even milk. Our basic resource and our future will be built upon the people who are here. We must work hard so that our grandchildren have cause to bless us and not to curse us."

Our future in across all of Taranaki needs to be built on equal representation and partnership, community collaboration. People, people are the most important. (Te Whiti o Rongamou)

Please do the right thing and support a Maori Constituency for Maori, our grandchildren, our community community and the region of Taranaki.

I acknowledge quotes from Sir Paul Reeves speech 2010

Nga Mihi

Gail Simpson

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 9:11 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 14.0.3 / iOS
IP Address: 118.149.74.223
Unique ID: 779317946
Location:

Your details

Name	Brylee Flutey
Address	29 Honeyfield Drive Whalers Gate New Plymouth , Taranaki 4322
Email	brylee.f@hotmail.com
Phone	0212216814
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 8:37 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 87.0.4280.77 / iOS
IP Address: 101.98.50.39
Unique ID: 779300226
Location:

Your details

Name	Kanya Stewart
Address	13 Wrantage St Westown New Plymouth, Taranaki 4310
Email	shakti108242@gmail.com
Phone	0226782694
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

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Comments:	It's about time Maori have a voice in local and national affairs.
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 8:01 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	222.152.7.22
Unique ID:	779282126
Location:	

Your details

Name	John Sperry
Address	5 Annandale Street, Lynmouth, New Plymouth, Taranaki 4310
Email	josperry@xtra.co.nz
Phone	0272745929
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
Comments:	Its totally undemocratic

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 7:56 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	103.253.116.198
Unique ID:	779279287
Location:	

Your details

Name	Grant Sarten
Address	12 McGiven Drive Ridgewood New Plymouth, Taranaki 4371
Email	grant.sarten@gmail.com
Phone	0272499062
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
Comments:	I don't think we should have positions based on race (or gender, sexual orientation, age, religion)

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 6:52 am
Browser: Chrome 88.0.4324.96 / OS X
IP Address: 122.62.13.40
Unique ID: 779245733
Location:

Your details

Name	Emma O'Sullivan
Address	27 Tongaporutu Road, Tongaporutu, RD 48 Urenui NEW PLYMOUTH, Taranaki 4378
Email	umukaha@xtra.co.nz
Phone	0272287072
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 1:53 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.86 / Android
IP Address:	222.152.3.245
Unique ID:	779082046
Location:	

Your details

Name	Noel Heemi
Address	6 Totarahoe Lane Whalers Gate ., New Plymouth 4310

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 1:52 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.86 / Android
IP Address:	222.152.3.245
Unique ID:	779081907
Location:	

Your details

Name	Deeana Heemi
Address	6 Totarahoe Lane Whalers Gate ., New Plymouth 4310

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 10:50 am
Browser: Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address: 161.29.56.206
Unique ID: 779363152
Location:

Your details

Name	Jayne Bright
Address	1315 Richmond Road Inglewood New Plymouth, Taranaki 4389
Email	jaynebright64@yahoo.com
Phone	06 756 6192
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 10:48 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.86 / Android
IP Address: 125.238.143.66
Unique ID: 779362192
Location:

Your details

Name	Zane Ritai Davey
Address	25 seymour st Waitara , Taranaki 4320
Email	zanedavey@gmail.com
Phone	0223903986
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 10:46 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	222.154.224.18
Unique ID:	779361499
Location:	

Your details

Name	Leigh Warr
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Address	931b Lincoln Road New Plymouth, Taranaki 4389
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Phone	021550608
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

I believe New Zealand should be one nation with a single and fair system for all. By creating separate Maori Constituencies perpetuates the singling out of a race and thus racism, creating a "them and us" divide. New Zealand is made up of many cultures and prides itself on being a multi-cultural, all inclusive society... let us behave as one and stop creating exceptions. Whilst I understand Maori are recognised as indigenous to New Zealand, we do not make such allowances for other cultures who represent a greater proportion of numbers, i.e. Islander or Asian descent. Councilors should be elected on their merit and experience not their race. Let us make this a untied country with one system that is fair and open to all.

Thank you.

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 10:22 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
IP Address:	222.152.4.201
Unique ID:	779350983
Location:	

Your details

Name	Gary Cleland
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Organisation (if applicable)	N/A
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Address	184A Heta Road Highlands Park New Plymouth, Taranaki 4312
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Email	gcsc@xtra.co.nz
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Phone	0276406885
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	I do not believe there is justification for a separate Maori constituency. New Zealand should be a nation of one people all with equal rights , not based on separatism or race of any kind. Maori interests like any other parties /interests should be accommodated equally in the same democratic structure for all .
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 10:51 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows 7
IP Address:	222.152.2.48
Unique ID:	779363355
Location:	

Your details

Name	Julie Wharram
Address	38 Kingsford St New Plymouth, TARANAKI 4312
Email	red289@xtra.co.nz
Phone	06 7551053
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
Comments:	It is a racist policy. Establishing a Maori Constituency based on race is separatism.

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 11:14 am
Browser: Mozilla rv:11.0 / Windows
IP Address: 103.253.116.241
Unique ID: 779372874
Location:

Your details

Name	Elizabeth Albert
Address	80 Union Street Hawera, Taranaki 4610
Email	unionstreet80@gmail.com
Phone	06 215 5936
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 12:59 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 87.0.4280.77 / iOS
IP Address: 121.99.34.79
Unique ID: 779408900
Location:

Your details

Name	Cat Burkitt
Address	805 mid Kahui road Rahotu Opunake, Taranaki 4684

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	I believe all Taranaki citizens should be treated as equals not segregated. The best people for the job should be selected for the roles not based on race.
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 1:01 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 87.0.4280.77 / iOS
IP Address: 121.99.34.79
Unique ID: 779409958
Location:

Your details

Name	Caleb Burkitt
Address	805 mid Kahui road Rahotu Opunake, Taranaki 4684
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	We're all New Zealanders and the best person should be chosen for the job not picked for their race. If it were any other race in New Zealand getting special treatment it would be classed as racism. It only increases the divide.
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 1:09 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows 7
IP Address:	121.75.232.226
Unique ID:	779412924
Location:	

Your details

Name	Ross Dravitski
Address	5 Honeyfield Drive Whalersgate New Plymouth, Taranaki 4310
Email	rossdravitski@xtra.co.nz
Phone	0274455281
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

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Comments:

With the condition that some of the current councillors stand down how about 2 or 3 of them are removed and then replaced with Maori seats this would show that the TRC is genuinely wanting a balance council
I am not sure how many seats should be given to Maori and that the Maori vote in from their candidates and they should also be allowed to stand in the general council also and possible gain another seat in this way. As you don't want someone with great value not being voted in on the general voters votes.
An example of this is Dinnie being voted onto NPDC on his merits
Adding one more Maori councillor to TRC as an add on is just going to be a token gesture and will be insulting to all the people

I would have liked to appear at Stratford on the 6th of April but unable to due to othr commitments

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 1:59 pm
Browser:	Opera 74.0.3911.218 / Windows
IP Address:	103.8.233.187
Unique ID:	779428123
Location:	

Your details

Name	glenn mcgregor
Address	17 bosworth street egmont village new plymouth, Taranaki 4372
Email	soupaman@primowireless.co.nz
Phone	0273873599
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 3:04 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 14.0.3 / iOS
IP Address: 122.56.108.138
Unique ID: 779446358
Location:

Your details

Name	Adelaide Campbell
Address	13b Estate Grove Inglewood Inglewood, Taranaki
Email	campbelladelaide1@gmail.com
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 3:14 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	120.89.81.63
Unique ID:	779448891
Location:	

Your details

Name	Aisha Campbell
Address	13b Estate Grove Inglewood Inglewood, Taranaki 4330
Email	campbellaisha1@gmail.com
Phone	0275055863
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 3:29 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 125.238.121.170
Unique ID: 779452463
Location:

Your details

Name Campbell Foreman

Address 17 Kauri street Inglewood
Inglewood , Inglewood 4330

**I wish to appear in person at a hearing
scheduled for 6 April in Stratford** No

Your submission

**Do you support the establishment of a
Maori constituency for Taranaki
Regional Council? (choose one)** Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 4:54 pm
Browser:	Firefox 86.0 / Windows
IP Address:	101.98.28.109
Unique ID:	779471186
Location:	

Your details

Name	Philippa Harrison
Address	46 Tawa Street Hawera Hawera, Taranaki 4610
Email	pip.harrison@slingshot.co.nz
Phone	06 278 6052
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

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Comments:	<p>I think we need to work out better ways to be a truly bicultural nation and this might be one.</p> <p>I found the run up to the last local council election seemed to address pakeha and Maori constituents separately: the general meet-the-candidates meeting was very monocultural to my mind, even though several of the candidates were Maori. I gather the meeting at the Ngati Ruanui offices had a different flavour. While it's good to be able to adjust to different audiences, we surely need to find a way to acknowledge both traditions and find ways forward that accept what each has to offer in all our decision-making bodies, including town and regional councils.</p>
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 11:03 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 222.153.225.159
Unique ID: 779536018
Location:

Your details

Name	Donna Liddicoat
Address	12 Norfolk Street Patea, South Taranaki 4520
Email	exploreanation@gmail.com
Phone	0273434305
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 10:43 pm
Browser:	Chrome 65.0.3325.181 / OS X
IP Address:	115.189.128.14
Unique ID:	779531109
Location:	

Your details

Name	Ross MacNicol
Address	148 Sole Road Ngaere Stratford, Taranaki RD 23
Email	rossmacnicol55@gmail.com
Phone	06 7650307
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

It is my view that Taranaki Maori require representation on the TRC in a manner that is formalised, permanent and inclusive within the decision making and policy development roles of the council. I believe the lack of effective representation has created a monocultural organisation which reflects the general reluctance of a significant percentage of the population to grant even a modicum of representation in the form of a Maori ward of some type. The benefits of a ward type system for Maori are only of a limited influence given the weight of general seats but remains a very positive step. The leadership of the TRC in promulgating this ward is to be commended- and certainly the removal of the "overturning referendum powers" makes the decision to promote the ward more politically acceptable. Opposition to the change will remain but in my opinion gradually subside as it is unworthy of energy given the very real challenges faced by our region.

The effective disenfranchisement of Maori in local government has been a concern I have pondered for many years. In the 1970s to 1990s I worked in local government as a planner in both a provincial city and in Auckland. District Scheme reviews are an important part of that work and the blur of admin speak baffles even assiduous ratepayers. The press consider these matters tedious and lack the experienced staff who could unravel the core of the policy from the subsections and clauses. My career in education firstly at Patea High and more latterly 20 years as a departmental head and BOT member in an influential Taranaki secondary school followed by an increased role in management and day to day work on our whanau farm has helped give me insights into the importance of fair and just representation of this significant minority.

The relative invisibility of a Maori voice has only marginally improved since the 1990s- the Resource Management Act gave undue emphasis to environmental and development management issues and very little emphasis to community and socio economic development. Now many would argue that a regional authority has little role in those areas- I would respectfully submit that time has indeed moved on and regional government has been left behind. Without being able to provide the statistics- (indeed I would suggest it is your officers roles to provide these) I suggest the general engagement of voters in regional councils is poor and that Maori disengagement is positively alarming. This is not the fault of the general voter base nor of Maori it is just the importance of regional council activities is not widely known, has changed significantly compared to its district council cousins and has now a significant need for real engagement.

The lack of awareness of the importance of the regional tier of government has in many ways allowed organisations such as the TRC with its experienced staff and councillors to carry on with core business and respond to the challenges in the traditional spheres of influence. However now is the time to let the other brothers into the room. It must be more than a PR exercise and cannot be delegated to some appointed committee or mid ranking officer. It is part of the tide of history in Aotearoa that has seen the steady moves towards some redress of the terrible cultural, social and economic wounds inflicted upon the indigenous inhabitants of our Motu.

Taranaki suffered fearfully from the wave of the settler economy and the unjust confiscations of the late 1800s. Indeed for Maori the wars and Colonial militia revenges were painful but what followed was even more torturous - Indeed " The Peace Of The Pakeha is more To Be Feared Than His War" my choice of capitals for emphasis. The TRC is part of that domination through regulation and those days have not gone away despite the treaty wash that occurs nowadays. The steady increase in recognition of the of the Treaty and its interpretation as being integral to the legislative framework of our country is a just move and a million miles away from the accusations of 'special rights' as some critics wrongly chant. A Maori ward with meaningful representation, officer support and a commitment to assist the person who achieves the role via election is a very important part of the process. Maori organisations and the Iwi leadership groups are under enormous pressure and intense scrutiny in a way few Pakeha would understand.

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 10:11 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 83.0.4103.106 / Android
IP Address: 151.210.244.214
Unique ID: 779524582
Location:

Your details

Name	Clare O'Connell
Address	70/131 Mangati Road Bell Block/Puketapu New Plymouth, Taranaki 4312
Email	clare.o.c@hotmail.com
Phone	0211331035
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 17, 2021 9:17 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.90 / Android
IP Address: 115.189.128.32
Unique ID: 779514944
Location:

Your details

Name	Melody Ritchie
Address	2 Mokihi Way Inglewood New Plymouth, TARANAKI 4330
Email	melody.ritchie@outlook.com
Phone	0278118172
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 17, 2021 5:26 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	121.72.158.142
Unique ID:	779477502
Location:	

Your details

Name	Shaun Eichstaedt
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Address	24 Windsor Road RD 6 Inglewood, Taranaki 4386
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Email	shauneichstaedt@hotmail.com
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Phone	0212113879
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	Maori people and Iwi are already part of our community and have a voice the same as any other member of the community. I do not agree with giving special privileges to any group as this creates a divide in the community. We are all one people no matter who we are or where we come from.
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 7:44 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 88.0.4324.152 / Android
IP Address: 49.224.89.121
Unique ID: 779813032
Location:

Your details

Name	Eddie Thomas
Address	237 South Road taranaki Hawera, hawera 4610

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 7:36 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 83.0.4103.106 / Android
IP Address:	103.253.116.167
Unique ID:	779808958
Location:	

Your details

Name	Heinz Broomhall
Address	6 edna wills place Hawera, Taranaki 4610
Phone	021313760
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<p>No I strongly disagree with it.</p> <p>Why shouldn't they have their say the way all other New Zealanders do it, through their usual councilors and the general constituency?</p> <p>Do we have a constituency for Pacific Islanders? For Europeans? For Chinese? No of course not, then why is there preference and prejudice about Maori having their own one? It would be called blatant racism if Europeans wanted their own constituency.</p> <p>There's better ways to get Maori involved than having their own constituency. Maori should be better encouraged to get involved as councilors, have their say in local affairs, and be encouraged to get out and vote for issues they want to have their say on. More effort should be put into this.</p>
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 7:27 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.86 / Android
IP Address:	103.253.116.51
Unique ID:	779804005
Location:	

Your details

Name	Andy Thomas
Address	203 Glover Road Hawera Hawera, Hawera 4610
Phone	0212289710
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
Comments:	I believe there shouldn't be any discrimination between any New Zealanders. If they're born in NZ and are a NZ citizen they should have the same human rights.

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 7:21 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 81.0.4044.138 / Android
IP Address: 103.253.116.167
Unique ID: 779800811
Location:

Your details

Name	Levi Prestidge
Address	326 South Road Hawera, Hawera 4610
Email	levi.prestidge@monkeytoegroup.com
Phone	021715934
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	People should be elected by the general public based on their capability and values.....race should have nothing to do with it, so a specific race based representation is in itself racist
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 7:13 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.90 / Android
IP Address: 103.253.116.167
Unique ID: 779796853
Location:

Your details

Name Damian Thomas

Address 13 larlin drive
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Hawera, Hawera 4675

**I wish to appear in person at a hearing
scheduled for 6 April in Stratford** No

Your submission

**Do you support the establishment of a
Maori constituency for Taranaki
Regional Council? (choose one)** No

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 9:01 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
IP Address:	202.61.115.134
Unique ID:	779854453
Location:	

Your details

Name	Carrie Morgan
Organisation (if applicable)	Venture Taranaki
Address	35 Brookes Street Inglewood, Taranaki 4330
Email	carriem@venture.org.nz
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 8:47 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	115.189.81.139
Unique ID:	779847427
Location:	

Your details

Name	Carmel Telfar
Address	310 Beaconsfield Road R D 24 STRATFORD, Taranaki 4394
Email	telfars.midhirst@xtra.co.nz
Phone	067628726
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:	You say Taranaki deserves the best when it comes to decision-making processes. I agree and I believe the establishment of a Maori constituency is vital for the regional Council to achieve this.
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 8:22 am
Browser: Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address: 103.96.86.108
Unique ID: 779832398
Location:

Your details

Name	Debbie Thomas
Address	289 Glover Road Hawera, Taranaki 4610
Email	gdthomas289@gmail.com
Phone	062786086
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	I believe the council system is already very fair and inclusive, I think it should stay the way it is.
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 7:58 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
IP Address:	121.75.159.92
Unique ID:	779819990
Location:	

Your details

Name	Budd Prestidge
Address	45A Mawhitiwhiti Road, Normanby, Hawera 4675 normanby, New Zealand +64 4675
Email	budd.prestidge@monkeytoegroup.com
Phone	+64272207560
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<p>100% against it. we don't need any more handbrakes on South Taranaki development. The extra influence the Maori have on land development over the past couple of months is already being felt with a hold up in construction.</p> <p>If this was to go ahead it would be a serious handbrake to the region which in turn will have a impact on the Maori anyway.</p>
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 7:55 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.86 / Android
IP Address: 203.109.193.128
Unique ID: 779818435
Location:

Your details

Name Jono Thomas

Address 35 County Dr
Hawera, Taranaki 4610

**I wish to appear in person at a hearing
scheduled for 6 April in Stratford** No

Your submission

**Do you support the establishment of a
Maori constituency for Taranaki
Regional Council? (choose one)** No

Kay McAlpine

From: krmoratti@xtra.co.nz
Sent: Thursday, 18 March 2021 2:39 PM
To: Have Your Say
Subject: SUBMISSION

SUBMISSION ON MAORI WARDS

In reference to the possibility of implementing a Maori Ward, you as Councillors need to ask yourselves a number of questions.

As reference is always being made that Euro-Maori are in "partnership" with The Crown. Please consider how this is possible?

Under all aspects of The Treaty how can Crown subjects be "in Partnership"?

Recent communications with Euro-Maori people would indicate that they wish to have 50% representation on Councils. This has been further reinforced by your Chairmans' comment whereby he said "How can we have one Maori Ward when there are 7 other Iwi"?

As there is already 6 Euro-Maori on Council put there owing to Treaty Settlements, why would you need more inclusion on major Committees when these 6 already have input?

Are you as Councillors in favour of 50% Euro-Maori on Council?

Do not elect people based on race... it is divisive and will destroy democracy in New Zealand.

Kevin Moratti.... 39 Ninia Road, RD3, New Plymouth. Ph: 0274-246868

Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 2:29 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 14.0.3 / iOS
IP Address: 115.189.84.234
Unique ID: 779993637
Location:

Your details

Name	Steven Venables
Address	29 Fernbrook Drive Hurworth, Taranaki 4310
Email	stevejv1@icloud.com
Phone	0272794433

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

I'm concerned creating wards on race is not constructive to building a community embracing all cultures and communities.

Creating a race based ward is essentially racist.

All in the community can run for elected office.

Our real issue is the lack of quality candidates and lack of community engagement at elections in voting.

Not creating a ward that would divide our community racially.

I strongly support all within our community to have their say, embracing all our amazing city, province and country has to offer.

It will be a sad day if we give in to fear and create an issue that will be a negative legacy for our community for decades to come.

I do not support this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 2:15 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	202.61.115.134
Unique ID:	779989856
Location:	

Your details

Name	Eve Kawana-Brown
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Address	C/- Venture Taranaki, 25 Dawson Street New Plymouth, New Plymouth 4310
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Email	eve@venture.org.nz
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Phone	021881245
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 12:03 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
IP Address:	163.47.245.225
Unique ID:	779946939
Location:	

Your details

Name	ERIC GIBSON
Address	3 CASSANDRA STREET STRATFORD, taranaki 4332
Email	marcia.1971@yahoo.co.nz
Phone	0284012048

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	Let them stand on there merits, not a seat handed to them.
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 11:37 am
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows 7
IP Address:	222.152.2.48
Unique ID:	779937699
Location:	

Your details

Name	david Wharram
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Address	38 Kingsford Street, Bell Block New Plymouth, Taranaki 4312
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Email	red313@xtraco.nz
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Phone	027 9385554
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This is a divisive proposal. We cannot build a united society or nation by creating separate divisions.2. This proposal has nothing to do with the preservation of heritage, but is a control measure.
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Form Name: Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time: March 18, 2021 9:17 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 12.1.2 / iOS
IP Address: 121.75.237.105
Unique ID: 780068480
Location:

Your details

Name	Cathy Manning
Address	158A Heta Road Highlands Park New Plymouth, Taranaki 4312
Email	cathy.manning158@gmail.com
Phone	0226265903
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	We vote for councillors to make decisions for the benefit of the whole community. Separating ratepayers into Maori and the rest of us is not good for our communities.
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 8:42 pm
Browser:	Firefox 86.0 / Windows 7
IP Address:	101.98.174.45
Unique ID:	780063140
Location:	

Your details

Name	John Muldrock
Address	24 Kamahi Ave Hawera, Taranaki 4610
Email	john@muldrock.com

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

I do not see the need for another Maori representative on the council. The existing Chairman is a Maori which proves they don't need a "leg up" to get elected. At present you have 6 iwi representatives (<https://www.trc.govt.nz/council/working-with-iwi/iwi-and-council/>) and quoting from there

"In the 2019-2020 year applicants for resource consents made 295 separate consultations with Iwi/Hap?.

If appropriate, the Council also considers involving Iwi or Hap? in the design and operation of consent compliance monitoring programmes. Iwi and Hap? have also had input in investigations and prosecutions.

Similarly, the Council strives to give Iwi and Hapu opportunities for full and genuine involvement in its own planning processes, by providing full and sufficient information and allowing time for it to be digested and responded to. The Council also takes Iwi Management Plans into account in its own regional plans and Regional Policy Statement."

Sounds like a system working well and the rate payer doesn't need the burden of another councilor, even though it states NO I bet there will be extra costs.

If we are truly "one people" then why do we need a dual way for some people to get elected. Sounds very unfair and racist.

Please give this very careful consideration.

Submission to Taranaki Regional Council on whether to establish a Māori constituency.

Name: Theresa Adamski

- 1) I would like to say thank you to the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC or Council) for upholding democracy in consulting with the ratepayers on how our representatives are elected on to the TRC. My preference, however, for any change in the voting process is to hold a binding referendum at the next election cycle. This would ensure all ratepayers would have a voice in the establishment of its representations and vote without feeling intimidated or influenced and would be truly democratic.
- 2) While I appreciate the TRC providing information on establishing a Māori constituency and outlining its preferred option, I note on the submission form where submitters are asked to tick Yes or No and next to Yes it has "*(This is the Council's preferred option)*" I see this as influencing and possibly pressuring the submitter into selecting the 'Yes' option. I would expect the submission form to be neutral and ask in all future submission forms the TRC preference is not shown on the Submission Form.
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- 4) I do not support the establishment of a Māori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council for the following reasons.

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Therefore, am I to assume by the introduction of Māori constituencies the current Council do not represent the interests of the entire region. Second information provide on the Council website says by establishing a Māori constituency, noting while councillors must act in the best interests of the whole region, a Māori constituency would provide a democratic mandate for its

councillor to present and advocate Māori views. This is providing an advantage to Māori and is in contradiction to the Public Interest principle of the Code of Conduct. Second this mandate would not be democratic unless all ratepayers have an opportunity to vote on a Māori constituency.

- 5) If you are going to have a mandate for Māori view then, for fairness and democracy, the whole electoral system would need to change from councillors being elected to represent constituencies across the region, to one of councillors being elected to represent constituency on ethnicity.

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Submission Time: March 18, 2021 6:55 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 14.0.3 / iOS
IP Address: 115.188.74.131
Unique ID: 780046316
Location:

Your details

Name	Karen Venables
Address	45c Paynters Ave Strandon New plymouth, New Plymouth 4312
Email	karen@legalsolutions.nz
Phone	021702354
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:

T?n? Koutou

I would like to make a submission in support of M?ori wards for the Taranaki Regional Council.

The reasons I support a M?ori ward are:

I believe that Territorial Authorities have an obligation under the Treaty of Waitangi and the Local Government Act to ensure the M?ori have a seat at the decision making table.

I also believe that it is important that M?ori are involved in decision making from the beginning of the process, not as it appears now, as a tick boxing exercise at the end of the process.

My understanding of M?ori tikanga is that M?ori are guardians of our natural resources. TRC manage our natural resources. M?ori have an absolute interest and right to be making decisions about what happens with our natural resources within our rohe.

M?ori are the indigenous people of our land and before we (P?keha) arrived had full responsibility for caring for our natural resources. Before our arrival M?ori had every seat at this table.

The impact of colonisation on M?ori has meant they have worse health, education, employment, mental health, imprisonment and other outcomes. It is our responsibility as P?keha to help them regain the position they were in prior to our arrival.

My family upon arrival to this rohe on the first English settlor ship to New Plymouth were welcomed, provided food and shelter and given a lift up by tangata whenua to help them find their feet in a new land. My family left England for a better life. Which they got but to the detriment of the tangata whenua of the land they arrived in. It is our turn to show the same respect by helping M?ori regain their rightful place at the decision making table.

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 6:35 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 89.0.4389.86 / Android
IP Address:	120.89.81.82
Unique ID:	780043358
Location:	

Your details

Name	Des Thomas
Address	6 Egmont St Hawera Hawera, Taranaki 4610
Email	des@alexnz.com
Phone	021717965
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	I don't agree with racism. We are all one blood and the colour of our skin makes no difference. Why should one race be promoted over another. Anybody can nominate a human from any race or gender and everyone votes for the best person suited to the office. Why promote what's racial?
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 18, 2021 2:57 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	219.89.98.144
Unique ID:	780000760
Location:	

Your details

Name	Robyn Stafford-Bush
Address	16 Rewa Street Inglewood, Taranaki 4330
Email	Robyn.StaffordBush@xtra.co.nz
Phone	0278579649
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<p>Apsolutley NOT! this is racism in it's simplist form. It creates and supports the Aparthied system that we do not want!</p> <p>your actions on this suggest that you believe that Maori decendants are not capable of working to earn the right. You seem to be suggesting that they lack the work ethic, intellegence and capabilities to participate as a functioning entity in our society</p>
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Your details

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Email	ijj@xtra.co.nz
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	I do not support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council.
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Location:

Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Your details

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Phone	027 957 1509

I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	A Maori constituency is dividing the community, We vote for council to represent all of us equally.
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

We live in a democratic country, where everyone has the same rights. Except we don't. Anyone with any claims to being Maori already gets far more right and privilege than others, so giving someone further rights just because of their ethnicity is illegal. Stratford council had a number of people who campaigned in their recent elections from a Maori viewpoint. Those views were such that if white people campaigned in the same way, they would be considered white supremacists. They received a handful of votes. Imagine allowing someone with those views automatic rights to make even bigger decisions at regional level

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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Unique ID:	780401096
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
Comments:	I wholeheartedly endorse the reasons the Council sets out for its support for a Maori constituency.

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
Comments:	Please find submission document attached.
Supporting documents 1	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/10241466211



'Māori Constituency Submission'

Chief Executive

Taranaki Regional Council

Private Bag 713 Stratford 4352

Via Email: haveyoursay@trc.govt.nz

RE: Establishment of a Māori Constituency

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust (TKONT) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Taranaki Regional Council on the question of Māori Wards. TKONT is the post settlement governance entity for Ngāruahine Iwi - being one of several organisations which advocates for the cultural, social, economic, and spiritual wellbeing of all Ngāruahine Uri and has around 5,400 registered members.

1. TKONT supports the introduction of Māori wards for the Taranaki Regional Council.



Why does TKONT support the establishment of Māori wards?

2. At a fundamental level, Māori wards provide for the expression of three important principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in regard to decision making which directly affects Ngāruahine Uri and their relationship to the environment.
 - Partnership, protection and participation.
3. The well-known historical injustice of the Taranaki region requires us all to be knowledgeable and responsive to the intergenerational trauma and inequality it has created. This means not letting ourselves be defined by that history but instead having a shared understanding of it and embracing partnership, protection and participation as the foundation of coexistence and a prosperous future for all those who live in the Taranaki community.
4. We acknowledge the improved engagement and consultation approach that TRC has taken recently with Iwi and see the introduction of Māori wards as a natural evolution towards normalising partnership between Iwi/Hapū and the regional council.
5. TKONT notes the Taranaki Regional Council's chair signing of the Taranaki Mayoral Forum's letter calling for the removal of poll clauses in the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill.
6. The failure of the New Plymouth and South Taranaki petitions to reach the numbers required to challenge the establishment of Māori wards shows that there is a discernible transformation in the hearts and minds of people around the region.



7. The unanimous decision of the South Taranaki District Council late last year to introduce Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections showed its councillors were both courageous and progressive in their approach and thinking. This is the choice now faced by the Regional Council.

What are the benefits of having a Māori constituency?

8. The benefits of dedicated Māori representation include addressing multiple requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 such as:
 - Section 4 – *take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes.*
 - Section 14 - *In performing its role, a local authority must act in accordance with the following principles (d) a local authority should provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes.*
 - Section 81 - Contributions to decision making processes by Māori.
 - Schedule 10 (clause 8) - *Development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes.*
9. A Māori worldview is often the polar opposite of the mainstream western one. An ongoing Māori perspective, facilitated by dedicated representation, might be most useful when unquestioned common sense and business as usual approaches to decision-making become enshrined in institutions and in the norms of society.



10. All eight Iwi of Taranaki have now settled their historical treaty of Waitangi claims. They all have a diverse range of views and objectives which include but are not limited to the environment. Dedicated Māori representation may provide a vector for integrating and pivoting off Iwi strategic economic and social objectives which might otherwise be unknown to council.

11. The onslaught of central government reforms around resource management and water services infrastructure serve to remind us of the importance of local perspectives and relationships. Mana whenua representation will be a significant part of upcoming legislative reforms. A good working relationship with Iwi and Hapū will ensure that the local voice is clear and embedded if multi-regional amalgamation of local government organisations occurs.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our perspective and aspirations on this important kaupapa. I look forward to speaking to our submission when the opportunity arises.

Dion Luke

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<p>A close look at the Taranaki Regional Council's proposal to set up a Maori constituency shows that it is virtue signalling that touches on the absurd. With nearly as many Maori voters on the general roll as on the Maori roll, such a move would cater for just eight percent of the Taranaki electoral population. Those who say a Maori constituency is treaty based are unable to point to any part of the treaty for justification, and Article 3 of the treaty affirms equality for all. The numbers of Maori councillors and Maori MPs show that Maori have no difficulty getting voted into office. A Maori constituency in Taranaki would be unwanted and unneeded paternalism. There is no reference to separate Maori seats in the Local Government Act 2002. Maori in New Zealand do not live as a separate group so why segregate some New Zealand citizens? No evidence has been presented to show that Maori constituencies or wards increase voter turnout. No one has considered the actual impact on Maori roll voters who may not want to vote for the candidates on offer and who would have to wait until the next census to move to the general roll to be able to vote. We recommend against proceeding with a Maori constituency in the area of the Taranaki Regional Council, or at least put the matter to a vote. A race-based voting arrangement is simply racist.</p>
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Supporting documents 1

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Submission against Maori constituency in Taranaki

Introduction

This is a submission against a proposal by the Taranaki Regional Council to set up a Maori constituency. There is no evidence that this is a step strongly desired by Maori roll voters. Sufficient opportunities for all citizens are available to contribute to decision-making processes. Maori constituencies and wards set up elsewhere have not increased participation by Maori voters. If the council wishes to test this option, the council should put the matter to a vote. The submission is on behalf of equality group Hobson's Pledge, which was set up to debate such issues.

Background

1. At the beginning of this year, signatures were being collected for petitions in nine districts where councils had proposed Maori wards or constituencies. At that time, residents in an area where a Maori constituency was proposed had the right to petition for a binding referendum on whether the proposal should proceed. A referendum would be triggered if the validated signatures of five percent of the area's electoral population had been collected. That was until February, when the Government amended the law under urgency to outlaw such petitions, with the result that all petitions were rendered of no effect despite many collecting the required number of signatures. More than 25,000 in nine districts signed petitions asking for the right to vote. (See appendix 1).

2. The Taranaki Regional Council is considering a Maori constituency under Section 19 Z of the Local Electoral Act 2001, by which all councils have the option of establishing Maori constituencies or wards by resolution of council.

3. The discussion document titled "Should the council establish a Maori Constituency?" (see <https://www.trc.govt.nz/council/working-with-iwi/maoriconstituency/>) says that a decision must be made by May 21, 2021. The council had decided last August against creating a Maori constituency, but the right for residents to vote on the matter was outlawed last month, and the Taranaki Regional Council decided to revisit the constituency proposal.

4. The overall electoral population for New Plymouth, South Taranaki, and Stratford is 88,484. There are 81,187 on the general and 7297 on the Maori roll. The discussion document asserts that 19.8 percent of the Taranaki population identify as Maori. The document fails to state how many Maori are on the Maori roll. If that figure was included, it would show that the proposed Maori constituency would benefit just 8 percent of the Taranaki electoral population, which is less than half those who identify as Maori.

5. Three of New Zealand's 78 councils currently have Maori Wards or constituencies. They are the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (established in 2001 by specific legislation), the Waikato Regional Council (established in 2013 by council resolutions), and the Wairoa District Council (established in 2019 as the result of a poll at the 2016 general election).

6. When the South Taranaki District Council proposed a Maori ward, and when residents were entitled to petition for a vote, a total of 903 signatures were collected when 847 were required to trigger a binding referendum, although a number of signatures were declared invalid.

7. The main pressure for Maori wards or constituencies is not an outpouring from Maori roll voters. It comes from a handful of activists, mainly a number of Maori Party, Green, and Labour MPs, and a few iwi leaders, who present former New Plymouth mayor Andrew Judd, the self-described "recovering racist", to testify about his experience in trying to introduce a Maori ward.

8. The actual Treaty of Waitangi is a brief document consisting of three articles with a preamble and a postscript. In Article 1, the chiefs cede sovereignty. In Article 2, the Queen guarantees that the chiefs own what they own and may sell land to an agent of the Queen if they so wish. Article 3 says that the Queen will protect the Maori people of New Zealand and grant them the rights and privileges of British subjects. The treaty has no mention of treaty principles, treaty partnership, or reserved seats for Maori. See Appendix 2.

9. This is what the Local Government Act 2002 says about Maori participation in local government. The treaty clause (Section 4) says:

In order to recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of the [Treaty of Waitangi](#) and to maintain and improve opportunities for Maori to contribute to local government decision-making processes, [Parts 2](#) and [6](#) provide principles and requirements for local authorities that are intended to facilitate participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes.

Section 14 (d) says:

a local authority should provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes

And Section 81 of that Act says:

A local authority must—(a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Maori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and (b) consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and (c) provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).

The case against a Maori constituency

1. Why do some councillors see Maori constituencies as a part of a regional council's role? Regional councils are responsible for managing water, erosion, floods, emergencies, and transport. Effective management of those five areas of responsibility is for the benefit of everyone irrespective of ethnicity. The usual justification for Maori constituencies, wards, committees, or appointees is to hear the "Maori voice" and bring a "Maori dimension" to council decisions. However, a closer look at what this entails touches on the absurd. For instance, what is the Maori dimension of erosion? What is the Maori dimension of transport? Why not apply this approach to other ethnic groups? Is there a Chinese dimension to emergencies? Is there a race angle to erosion? If councillors stepped back from the rhetoric, perhaps councillors would see what they are proposing is absurd.

2. Would reserving a council seat for Maori roll voters, as the discussion document proposes, actually bring a "Maori dimension" to council? Arguably, not necessarily. Because 45 percent of Maori voters are on the general roll, a Maori constituency councillor would only bring to their work the views of their Maori roll constituents. This would only represent the views of 55 percent of the Maori residents of Taranaki.

3. Does a separate Maori seat on the council actually reflect the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi? Definitely not. Article 3 of the Treaty (appended below) actually affirms equality for all. Of course, we are now New Zealand citizens and no longer British subjects. The right to vote in local elections is shared by all New Zealand citizens. As you can see in the treaty text appended to this submission, there is no mention of separate Maori representation.

4. Is a Maori constituency necessary because it is difficult for Maori to get votes? This is not true. In fact, Maori are very well represented in both local and central government. In 2019, 13.5 percent of all elected local body officials were Maori – compared with 13.7 percent of the New Zealand population being Maori (according to the 2018 census). And in the current Parliament, almost 30 percent of all MPs are Maori. Maori would still be "over represented" in Parliament, relative to the Maori share in New Zealand's total population, even if the seven Maori electorates were scrapped, as the Royal Commission on the Electoral System recommended in 1986.

5. Councillors who propose Maori constituencies are either mistaken or disingenuous when they assert that the Local Government Act requires them. They appear unaware that there is no apparent limitation for any such opportunities afforded to Maori citizens. There is in fact no impediment for people of any ancestry in New Zealand either to enrol to vote, to vote, or to stand for council since the right to vote and stand for council is open to all New Zealanders 18 and over.

6. Do "Maori" live as some sort of separate class of citizen that exists in a partnership relationship with the Crown? No. In the world outside of central and local government, there is no separated society with Maori as a group and everyone else in another group. We are aware of the civil rights struggles in the United States in the 1960s, and the protests against apartheid in South Africa up to the 1990s. New Zealand is not and has never been a segregated society. The push for Maori constituencies looks like an attempt to create segregated local governance

7. Maori constituencies have existed in the Bay of Plenty Regional Council since 2001, as well as in Environment Waikato. Wairoa has had a Maori ward since 2016. Yet, during the current push for race-based voting on local authorities there has been not one reference to how creating separate systems for Maori roll voters has increased voter turnout. For instance, voter turnout at the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's three Maori constituencies continued to lag. Turnout in 2010 turnout was between 27 percent and 41 percent, and in 2013 was between 20 percent and 32 percent, when the general constituency turnout was 45.7 percent. Overall turnout there in 2019 was 43.2 percent. With no figures for the Maori constituency turnout, it looks like there was little interest because only the Kohi Maori constituency had a vote.

8. No one appears to have considered the downsides for Maori roll voters in a Maori constituency.

A. Maori roll voters vote for the Maori Ward candidates and no other ward candidates. This limits choice for Maori roll voters.

B. Decisions on so-called Maori issues will be channelled to Maori roll councillors who are there to give a distinctive Maori perspective. This would lead to such decisions being left to the Maori roll councillors, which would tend to reduce the amount of effort put into such decisions. Before MMP, such side-lining of Maori issues has been a substantial disadvantage of the Maori seats in central government.

9. It's not as though the Taranaki Regional Council is short of Maori representation. The 11-member council already has six iwi appointees who vote on the council's main standing committees.

Conclusion

A close look at the Taranaki Regional Council's proposal to set up a Maori constituency shows that it is virtue signalling that touches on the absurd. With nearly as many Maori voters on the general roll as on the Maori roll, such a move would cater for just eight percent of the Taranaki electoral population. Those who say a Maori constituency is treaty based are unable to point to any part of the treaty for justification, and Article 3 of the treaty affirms equality for all. The numbers of Maori councillors and Maori MPs show that Maori have no difficulty getting voted into office. A Maori constituency in Taranaki would be unwanted and unneeded paternalism. There is no reference to separate Maori seats in the Local Government Act 2002. Maori in New Zealand do not live as a separate group so why segregate some New Zealand citizens? No evidence has been presented to show that Maori constituencies or wards increase voter turnout. No one has considered the actual impact on Maori roll voters who may not want to vote for the candidates on offer and who would have to wait until the next census to move to the general roll to be able to vote. We recommend against proceeding with a Maori constituency in the area of the Taranaki Regional Council, or at least put the matter to a vote. A race-based voting arrangement is simply racist.

Hobson's Pledge
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Hobson's Pledge members agree that there is no longer any need for special Maori representation in government, whether it be Maori electorates in Parliament, Independent Maori Statutory Board in Auckland, or racially based representation in other governance bodies. In many respects, Hobson's Pledge represents the silent majority, the 91% of New Zealanders who don't wish to be categorised and segregated by race. See hobsonspledge.nz

Appendix 1

More than 25,000 people in nine districts had signed petitions demanding binding referenda on proposals for separate Maori wards. Despite Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta sabotaging the process by announcing, on February 1, a law-change to prohibit such referenda, sufficient signatures were collected in seven of the nine areas to trigger votes.

Signatures received compared with those required were:

	Received	Required
Northern Regional Council	8703	6027
Whangarei District Council	5133	3080
Kaipara District Council	1376	790
Tauranga City Council	6000	4742
Taupo District Council	1756	1241
South Taranaki District Council	903	847
Ruapehu District Council	551	385
Gisborne District Council	792	1625
New Plymouth District Council	Not available	2874
TOTAL	25,214	21,611

Tauranga's Concerned Citizens were the first to have their petition validated on January 29.

Appendix 2

The Treaty of Waitangi

This English text is closest to the Maori text because it has just one word that differs from Te Tiriti, being the addition of the word "maori" in Article 3.

Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of England in her gracious consideration for the chiefs and people of New Zealand, and her desire to preserve them their land and to maintain peace and order amongst them, has been pleased to appoint an officer to treat with them for the cession of the Sovereignty [sic] of their country and of the islands adjacent to the Queen. Seeing that already many of Her Majesty's subjects have already settled in the country and

are constantly arriving: And that it is desirable for their protection as well as the protection of the natives to establish a government amongst them.

Her Majesty has accordingly been pleased to appoint me William Hobson a captain in the Royal Navy to be Governor of such parts of New Zealand as may now or hereafter be ceded to Her Majesty and proposes to the chiefs of the Confederation of United Tribes of New Zealand and the other chiefs to agree to the following articles.-

Article first

The chiefs of the Confederation of the United Tribes and the other chiefs who have not joined the confederation, cede to the Queen of England for ever the entire Sovereignty [sic] of their country.

Article second

The Queen of England confirms and guarantees to the chiefs and the tribes and to all the people of New Zealand, the possession of their lands, dwellings and all their property. But the chiefs of the Confederation of United Tribes and the other chiefs grant to the Queen, the exclusive rights of purchasing such lands as the proprietors thereof may be disposed to sell at such prices as may be agreed upon between them and the person appointed by the Queen to purchase from them.

Article third

In return for the cession of their Sovereignty [sic] to the Queen, the people of New Zealand shall be protected by the Queen of England and the rights and privileges of British subjects will be granted to them.

Signed, William Hobson
Consul and Lieut. Governor.

Now we the chiefs of the Confederation of United Tribes of New Zealand assembled at Waitangi, and we the other tribes of New Zealand, having understood the meaning of these articles, accept them and agree to them all. In witness whereof our names or marks are affixed. Done at Waitangi on the 4th of February, 1840.

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<p>The people of new Zealand should be one, having divisions opens the door to create racial divide.</p> <p>There is already enough option available for maori to have their say with out adding another.</p> <p>The resource consent process the iwi have to acknowledge before the earthworks can start. This can take up to 3 months to receive, it is just a handbrake to progress.</p>
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

I feel the establishment of a Maori constituency for TRC is unwarranted at the present time given that there is a Maori councillor on the TRC already who was elected on the basis of his suitability for the role regardless of whether he is Maori or not. Also a look through the unsuccessful candidates at the last election seems to show that no other Maori candidates stood so it appears that Maori are happy with the status quo otherwise one would have stood as a candidate.

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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:

Ooooh family, flying between wedding/open home stuff.

Super p?keha here but looking to give a new angle.

Yurg to ignoring racism oppression pretending we are not on stolen land
BUT

here is my

Dear Councillors,

Why would a modern TRC continue to operate WITHOUT M?ori at the
decision-making table?

Like every institution, TRC is now up against limits of cultural competency.
All new undertakings on the mountain, land, and water, have M?ori thinking
in them. 'He waka eke noa' says our Prime Minister.

What fluency is there currently at the TRC decision making table in M?ori
language, culture, custom and thought?

If building a bridge, you'd get an engineer.

If testing water, you'd get a scientist.

The smartest, fastest most comprehensive response to Covid has been
from indigenous groups.

Continuing a cultural vacuum, without the assistance of experts equipped,
ready and available, is failing to serve the needs of the people.

(We find ourselves here is because of a system of exclusion founded on ...
the R word, maybe not of our doing, but set in place by our ancestors, to
benefit one side of partnership)

You are the leaders now.

This is your challenge.

Set us free by rejecting what no longer serves us
and implement partnership in the TRC.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alessandra Keighley

Taranaki Mother

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
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Your details

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Phone	062780148
I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
Comments:	See attached Submission
Supporting documents 1	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/10242879465

19 March 2021

Māori Constituency Submission
Chief Executive Steve Ruru
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Tēnā koe Steve,

Submission Māori Constituency

Ngāti Ruanui welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Council's deliberation to introduce Māori Constituencies for the Taranaki Regional Council.

The recent changes to the Electoral Act at a national level have now provided a clear path for all Councils to exercise an "even playing fielding" for determining local body representation that best fits their jurisdiction.

The unfair system that existed in the past and is reflected in the fact that since 2002 24 councils have voted to establish Māori constituencies, but referendums have overturned many of those decisions.

For too long Māori representation at a local government level has been side-lined with limited engagement and partnership. Consultation has been used to demonstrate a shift in engagement and involvement of mana whenua but often is has become a tick box and window dressing exercise. True partnership is recognised in Te Tiriti giving effect to the rights and privileges of citizenship as promised by the Crown.

Recent appointments to committee structures have been a move in the right direction but these have been empowered through settlement claims rather than a clear willingness and desire to for a decision-making relationship.

The introduction of Māori constituencies is one action which makes a bold step to the meeting Te Tiriti obligations.

Ngati Ruanui firmly believes that any decision **not to introduce** a Māori constituency would continue the racist position that largely exists now.

The essence of racism is around systems of power. For too long Māori have been oppressed by systems of local government. The government systems are ones that have been operated by those in power who have oppressed Māori in the widest sense; having land taken by legal means, punishment for speaking their language and imprisoned for protecting what is theirs.

Failure to acknowledge this system of power and its history continues a racist system and in turn provides no ability to create equity for Māori.

Letting majorities decide how minorities should be represented is also not a tenable position anymore. Non-Māori residents simply do not know what it like to be oppressed and what is like to be part of a group routinely excluded from decision making structures. Central Government has now made the move that now allows Councils to consider Māori voices as a minority; unhindered by an uneven playing field

of polls and five percent thresholds.

Māori Constituencies provide the ability to create the right a balance where previously Māori remain woefully underrepresented in local government. Having a Council representative elected directly by those on the Māori electoral roll ensures that a specifically Māori perspective is present in Council.

Legislation now is moving to a position that requires the importance of recognising Māori perspectives and requires a partnership at the highest levels of decision making; it is a paradigm shift that is occurring. Such new perspectives at the decision-making table are also likely to lead to better processes and ultimately more acceptable decisions. For example, Māori knowledge and perspectives are beneficial when considering land uses and conservation practices.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples notes that:

"Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State."

Māori representation in local government really does mean working in partnership with Māori and not separate from them.

Further it has been noted that:

"Democracy is strengthened if Māori candidates for public office can present themselves to Māori voters and be evaluated by Māori voters, in ways that make cultural sense and are responsive to the particular circumstances of prior occupancy, colonisation and culture."

Empowering Māori to be part of Local government is an essential step for partnership. Māori constituencies are just one way in which this can happen. More needs to occur but building the right foundation for partnership relationships is important for our society.

Ngati Ruanui supports the introduction of a Māori Constituencies for the Taranaki Regional Council.

Nāku noa, nā



Haimona Maruera Jnr

Tumu Whakaae

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Submission Time: March 19, 2021 1:38 pm
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:

T?n? koutou k?toa.

Ng? mihi o ng? tini ?huatanga kei mua ia t?tou i t?nei wa. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposal for TRC to introduce a M?ori constituency at the 2022 local body elections.

As you know, I am a current iwi representative on the Policy and Planning committee alongside others selected from across our Taranaki confederation of three waka. This has been an enlightening and interesting time and I thank the Council and other appointees for the ongoing dialogue that has come forward during those hui.

However, as a former three-term councillor at STDC, I also understand that the direction and strategy of TRC is set by the elected members who sit around the table as Councillors. Presently, M?ori participation at that level is limited by who sits there with a M?ori worldview. If there are no such candidates who are successfully elected at that level, there is not voice for M?ori in the critical decision-making discussions.

This should not and cannot be left to chance! Taranaki District Health Board stats tell us that M??ri are 19.7% of Taranaki's population and a Berl report commissioned for the TDHB states that M?ori have a young and growing population in a region where the growth is static at best. Therefore, it just makes strategic sense to ensure that the worldview and cultural lens of M?ori sits at the Council table to participate in the conversations that set the strategic direction for our rohe.

I am submitting in favour of TRC establishing a M?ori constituency, my top 10 reasons are as follows;

1. The local government and electoral systems were established in this country from a purely Euro-centric perspective which has marginalised M?ori ever since.
2. Iwi are increasingly ready and able to participate in these fora and will provide quality candidates.
3. M??ri desire the same outcomes as non-M?ori, ie. healthy environments, clean water, safe places for our tamariki and mokopuna to live, work and play.
4. STDC and NPDC have shown courageous leadership in this space, which has since been validated by their communities. TRC should follow their lead.
5. Bay of Plenty Regional Council has had M?ori constituencies for 20 years which they say has been nothing but beneficial for their Council.
6. Waikato Regional Council also has M?ori constituencies and say the same thing.
7. There is nothing to be lost by increasing the diversity of perspective and participation at the decision-making table.
8. This is an opportunity to build and maintain better relationships with tangata whenua around the mouna.
9. Staff seem to genuinely want to understand the issues and work with

M?ori.

10. The LG Act states that Council must provide for M?ori participation (outside the iwi reps to committees which are entrenched through Treaty Settlements).

For all these reasons, and more, I support the establishment of a M?ori constituency and I wish to speak to my submission.

Mouri ora

Bonita Bigham

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Submission Time: March 19, 2021 1:29 pm
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:	I support the establishment of a Maaori Ward sector on this council as an equal treaty partner under Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 respectively.
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Submission Time:	March 19, 2021 1:27 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

Hi , The need for the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council is not needed. Currently candidates for council are nominated by there community pairs and then voted in on there merits and on there integrity. The selection of people that are on the council are there to represent the community that nominated and voted them in, Race does not come into the selection of candidates, anybody in the community can put there name forward and be nominated to stand for council selection then it is up to the public to vote them in. Just because a person is of a different culture/race/ethnic group/ shouldn't give them a right of passage its unfair and creating division, between public groups. If this goes through then what about all the other ethnic groups in the community as NZ is a multi cultural society. We need to ensure that the best people selected by the community get into the Taranaki regional council on there own merits and not through some privileged right. The Current system allows a diverse range of people to put there names forward to represent there communities and they will either get voted in or not its that simple. Again it goes back to who the people vote in.!!!

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Submission Time:	March 19, 2021 12:36 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	<p>1. Having automatic racist representation is against everything New Zealand has stood for. This is a thin wedge towards destruction of democracy. Equality is paramount. What an insult to the current council chairman to suggest this type of change.</p> <p>2. There is no definition to establish when a person is Maori. This allows misrepresentation of the Maori Electoral Roll</p>
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Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
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Your details

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Email	comlew@xtra.co.nz
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:	Mandated Maori Ward seats are a logical part of Regional and local body Councils in this country in this day and age. Thank you for recognising this fact. We will look back and wonder why it has taken so long to address this anomaly and correct our course.
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SUBMISSION on Maori Constituency to TRC

Sue Comrie 19-3-21

The current consideration of the introduction of Maori Ward seats on Councils throughout Aotearoa New Zealand signifies an important moment of self appraisal and reflection regarding how we do things and who we really are.

Are we caught in our old stale ways of majority rule excluding Maori and only allowing limited involvement at consultation level and then only when it is deemed relevant ... "everything but the band" ... everything short of decision making roles?

Or do we see ourselves as a decent and equitable society?

Do we continue to do things as we have been doing?

Or are we as people often say, "All New Zealanders"? If we are, then are we bold enough and loyal enough to each other to change, to step up to creating equitable and inclusive processes and structures placing truly representative Maori within all civil and governmental decision making bodies in their own and only unique country?

It seems absurd not to have, guaranteed, mandated by Maori, for Maori, from their own self selected constituency, Iwi Hapu representatives at the TRC decision-making table.

Nga Mihi

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 19, 2021 3:54 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.90 / Windows
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Your details

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Email	punatearoaha@hotmail.com
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Phone	0212445858
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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:	See attached Submission
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1. My name is Puna Wano-Bryant of Taranaki, Te Atiawa, Ngāti Mutunga and Ngati Awa iwi.
2. It is without hesitation that I support the establishment of a Māori Constituency for the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC).
3. In Taranaki this last year has been hard, the struggle for Māori voices to be heard in local Government has been outsourced. The numerous opinion pieces, social media campaigns, video, radio, newspaper interviews in the bid to bridge the gap of understanding has been tiring, but nothing compared to the efforts of our tupuna/ancestors who went before us.
4. On 9 June 2017, TRC officials attended the Parihaka Reconciliation ceremony at Parihaka this ceremony was called Puanga Haeata which means a New Dawn. It is a new day and a new season and the time has come to shine a light on racism, to shine a light on methods, processes and systems designed to erase the voice of either Treaty partner, to shine a light on deliberate attempts to damage the partnership between Māori and Pakeha and to destroy our nationhood.
5. Te Whiti and Tohu of Parihaka all they wanted was for their voices to be heard, they didn't want to take power and control they had their own mana, all they wanted was for their voices to be heard. They said,
All my strength and my voice is guidance to this generation, that you be the empowerer of both peoples. Your voice cannot be smothered by the authorities, your voice cannot be silenced by the powerful, nor the turbulent events of this land. Should your voice be abolished, you will use tikanga to respond to the hatred, overcoming it with kindness.
6. You need to understand that when I talk about the Māori voice I am talking about both voices and the spiritual covenant that is the Treaty that empowers us both to walk together.
7. I understand that TRC may have received racist emails and negative opposition to the Māori Constituency for TRC. Welcome to the world of racism that Māori have been combatting for generations, welcome to the underbelly of society that has attacked and marginalised our attempts to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and establish Māori wards and constituencies all over the country particularly in the last year. It has been a revealing and painful time and the unintended consequences of legislation created to ensure Māori participation was used as an evil tool against the Māori voice which has caused great division and destruction in our communities.
8. Perhaps the last opportunity that TRC had to establish a Māori constituency didn't feel like the right time or safe and the previous legislation created divisive and costly barriers. Those barriers have since been removed. The Local Electoral (Maori Wards and Maori

Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021 has paved the way for the TRC to do the right thing with no obstruction. As your consultation summary states a Māori constituency councillor will, “bring with them a strategic Māori lens on issues as well as the ability to draw on and foster relationships with Māori across the region.”

9. There are many reasons why Māori constituency Councillors will complement TRC’s current commitment to te ao Māori, hapū and iwi participation some of these are as follows:
 - a. It will complement the work being done by Māori representatives on TRC standing committees and will in addition address Māori issues that fall out of the remit of the standing committees.
 - b. It will align with the expectations of Taranaki iwi who have formally stated through the New Plymouth District Council and South Taranaki District Council Māori ward processes that they want this model of representation as a starting point.
 - c. It enhances TRCs commitments to Māori participation and decision making in their own:
 - i. Coastal Plan;
 - ii. Proposed Freshwater Plan;
 - iii. Mātauranga Māori model;
 - iv. Water quality monitoring programme;
 - v. Resource consents and planning processes;
 - vi. Kaupapa Māori Freshwater Assessments; and
 - vii. All other TRC policy development and work programmes that require Māori advice, expertise, information, research and training.

10. I appreciate and repeat a recent summary by activist and political journalist Moana Maniapoto.

“At one end of the spectrum some people believe everyone has the right to stand or vote, it’s all about democracy meritocracy Māori just need to try harder. As Māori wards demonstrate, Math has never served a colonised minority.

At the other end of the spectrum are those who believe New Zealand has, is and always will be Māori land so hand over the keys.

In between there is a dedicated Māori voice at the table, multiple iwi voices or a more Treaty focussed relationship 50/50 the closest to a power sharing relationship there is.

Let’s be clear doing nothing is not an option. It just embeds damage and resentment. We need to have the hard conversations now, act sooner and without hesitation.”

11. Te Whiti o Rongomai said, “Ka noho tahi te ruru me te ngeru te kiore me te karewarewa. Kotahi te rihī i toutou ai ratou.” “The owl and the cat, the rat and the falcon will sit at the

same table and eat from the same dish.” We are inspired by a legacy of unity, respect for the law, faith and nationhood.

12. The divine voice of Māori must be returned to this land like the birdsong to the mountain. Why do large scale restoration if not to return our native birds to their home?
13. We don't want to be separate, we want to be a part of the one that is spoken of. But oneness is not sameness. Oneness recognises the mana, rangatiratanga and distinct voices within this region and nation. As your koorero/statement Taranaki Tāngata Tū Tahi speaks of there are many unique multi-layered connections between people and environment in the Taranaki region. Taranaki Regional Council is the only Council that can be a united voice for all iwi and all people in our region. I urge you to demonstrate the courage and leadership that only you can and to bring us together as Taranaki Tāngata Tū Tahi.
14. I commend the TRC on making one small step forward to help us all to finally live and breathe the vision that our tupuna had for this region and nation and to sit together as Māori and Pakeha and all peoples and eat from the same dish at the same table.

*He kororia ki te Atua ki rungarawa
He moungārongo ki runga ki te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa
Glory to God
Peace on earth
Goodwill to all humankind*

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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Your details

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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:	NO
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They have the same opportunities as all other people , to stand them selves.

As has been proven in the past ,by Chairman David Mac Leod

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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Your submission

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Comments:

In order for our communities to flourish and thrive we need diversity and unity at the top decision making tables throughout the Taranaki rohe, particularly when it comes to Tangata Whenua.

There is an all to common misunderstanding when it comes to unity. Unity is often conceived as sameness. As uniformity. As conformity. This, however, is not unity. This is assimilation, more often at the hands of those who hold the riegms of power & privilege. For unity to exist there must be difference. Unity at its best is a diverse range of people, experience and world views coming together and working for the good of all.

A M?ori ward presents an opportunity for the Taranaki Regional Council to take a step forward toward real unity, to better honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and to building a better and more just Taranaki.

South Taranaki District Council and the New Plymouth District Council have both made decisions to establish a M?ori ward. I implore you to follow suit and establish a M?ori ward at the Taranaki Regional Council.

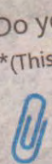
Submission form

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I wish to present my submission personally at a hearing scheduled for 6 April 2021 in Stratford

(tick one)
Yes No
Yes* No



Attach additional pages for comments if required.

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Taranaki Regional Council

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Chief Executive

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Do you support the establishment of a Māori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? Yes* No

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R.G.C.:- We are one
people in Nz. Maori
just want an easy way
to power. They can stand
in any areas of Local Govt
+ R.G.C like other candidates.
This sounds like Sth Africa
in reverse.

Sis

Submission form

Submitter details

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I wish to present my submission personally at a hearing scheduled for 6 April 2021 in Stratford Yes No

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	Yes

Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	Yes (This is the Council's preferred option)
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Comments:

T?n? koutou katoa

Te K?hui o Taranaki (TKoT) makes this submission: Taranaki Regional Council Submission: M?ori Ward

TKoT supports the establishment of a M?ori Ward.

TKoT supports equitable voting rights of M?ori within General Wards.

The establishment of a M?ori Electoral Ward must not disqualify M?ori from voting in General Wards where there are multiple councilor positions available.

For example, there are 5 councilors for the New Plymouth Ward. A M?ori elector in this ward must have the right to vote for a M?ori Ward candidate as well as 4 New Plymouth Ward candidates. This would give them 5 votes just like everyone else.

Anything less would disenfranchise M?ori.

We wish to speak to this submission.

Ng? mihi

Whare

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI MUTUNGA

19 March 2021

Chief Executive
Taranaki Regional Council
Private Bag 713
Stratford 4352

Tēnā koe,



NGĀTI MUTUNGA
E KŌBE E MIMITI TE PUNA KŌROPURO

Māori Constituency

Ngāti Mutunga is very supportive of the decision to establish a Māori constituency at the Council.

The proposed constituency would allow Māori points of view to be represented at the full council level, and support the work of the iwi representatives on the Policy & Planning and Consents & Regulatory committees.

In our view this is good first step to Māori having a greater say in how we manage our environments and resources, albeit long overdue, and we commend the Council on taking this approach.

We do not wish to appear in person at the hearing on 6th April 2021.

If you require any further information I can be contacted on 06 752 3247 or paul@ngatimutunga.iwi.nz

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Cummings'.

Paul Cummings
Pouwhakahaere | CEO

Kay McAlpine

From: Sam Tamarapa
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 4:30 PM
To: Joe Mack; Kay McAlpine
Subject: FW: Tarananaki Regional Council Submission : Maori Ward

Tēnā kōrua (you two)

Please note the email submission from Te Runanga o Ngāti Tama and its Chairman Paul Silich.

Sam Tamarapa
Iwi Communications Officer

From: Paul Silich <paulsilich2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 4:25 PM
To: Sam Tamarapa <Sam.Tamarapa@trc.govt.nz>
Cc: Fran White <frankahew56@gmail.com>
Subject: Tarananaki Regional Council Submission : Maori Ward

Kia ora

Te Rununga o Ngati Tama supports the establishment of a Maori ward for the Taranaki Regional Council, as per the submission from the Taranaki Maori Trust Board.

Nga mihi

Paul Silich

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Form Name:	Maori constituency submission form
Submission Time:	March 23, 2021 4:57 pm
Browser:	Chrome 89.0.4389.82 / Windows
IP Address:	43.231.194.81
Unique ID:	782151588
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Your details

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I wish to appear in person at a hearing scheduled for 6 April in Stratford	No
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Your submission

Do you support the establishment of a Maori constituency for Taranaki Regional Council? (choose one)	No
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Comments:

Racism is an ongoing problem in this country and worldwide. By creating Maori electoral seats, we have already taken a backward step by making a difference between races. Bringing the same principle down to local government level ingrains our problem even more. Let us not be guilty of endorsing prior mistakes. History has shown us that giving special rights to one race or group does not actually help them, rather it promotes a complex that they are somehow inferior and need special provisions to get ahead in life. You could call it 'killing them with kindness'. Example: some less fortunate nations have been given much foreign aid for so long that they forget how to live without it, so then we have to keep giving them hand-outs. Already we have a lot of work ahead to undo these mistakes and change mindsets that we have fallen into.

Just because the current Government promotes Maori constituencies does not make it right, rather we should ask, what are the real motives and reasons for it? Is it really necessary in our region? If democracy is at work, people who wish to be heard will speak up and will nominate and vote for representation that they believe will help them. But if we restrict people on the Maori electoral roll in who they can vote for locally, we are again putting them in a pigeonhole and segregating them from others. Which amounts to racism, does it not?

Maori views are already well represented by the current committees. By giving them a special permanent representation, we are saying: "Because your views are always right, we must make sure they are permanently represented" - which of course is not what you wanted to say. What you do want to say is: "We want the people to tell us their needs". People do this by nominating and voting for those they believe will represent their needs. And remarkably, we all have similar needs - food, clean water, employment, exercise, recreational space, etc. No race of people can really justify asking local government to give any special provisions to them at the expense of other ratepayers unless it is for the public benefit. Special interest groups need to fund their own projects.

It is also worth observing that many supposedly 'Maori cultural requirements' pressed upon our region are not necessarily the views of all Maori, but rather a small group of persons who are not acting in their people's or the public's best interests, nor doing proper research, but turn out to be simply based on superstition, personal gain, or other bad motives. Please can we take the commonsense approach here and do what is best for our region?

19 March 2021

Sam Tamarapa
Taranaki Regional Council

Tena koe Sam

Re: Taranaki Regional Council Proposal for Maori Constituency

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust (Te Kotahitanga) is the representative entity for Te Atiawa Iwi. Te Kotahitanga supports the Regional Council's proposal to establish a Maori Constituency.

We note the details of how such representation could be realised is yet to be given full consideration. As a general principle Te Kotahitanga supports Iwi with manawhenua within a region having representation.

We do not wish to speak to this representation.

Noho ora mai ra



Dion Tuuta
Pouwhakahaere
Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

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9th February 2021

Chief Executive
Taranaki Regional Council
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Tēnā koe

RE: Māori Constituency

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru Trust is the mandated entity for Ngāti Maru iwi from Taranaki. The Trust is currently in the process of finalizing its Historic Treaty of Waitangi Settlement. Prior to the confiscations and various other mechanisms designed to transfer land out of Māori ownership, the original rohe of Ngāti Maru was 220,000 ha in central and north east Taranaki. Ngāti Maru has a registered membership population of 3000 people, it recently carried out a ratification of its Deed of Settlement. Almost 50% of its voting membership participated in the ratification and 92% approved the current package for settlement.

Ngāti Maru is strongly in favour of the decision to establish a Māori constituency at the Taranaki regional Council. Our opinion is that this would provide much needed diversity at the council table and create a body that is more reflective of the make-up of our local population.

The relationship between councils and Iwi is maturing into a collaborative working one where each party is supporting the outcomes of the other at various levels. This includes sitting on external committees together, supporting council initiatives and funding applications.

This practice should continue to develop and grow for the betterment of our region. It makes sense that Iwi also have representation at the governance table to enhance this relationship.

I would like to speak to this paper during the submissions presentations.

Nga mihi nui



Anaru Marshall
General Manager
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru Trust